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 Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVING THE DYNAMIC RANGE  
 OF LASER DETECTED ULTRASOUND IN ATTENUATIVE MATERIALS

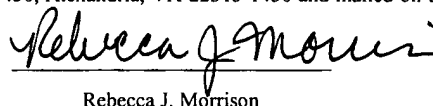
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Should the Examiner have any questions or desire further clarification, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below. Please reference Attorney Docket No. 1017.P023US.

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